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In re Application of:  
Douglas Caraway

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For: Rotary Drill Bit For Casing Milling  
and Formation Drilling

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 24, 1999**

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 1999, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 24, 1999, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0409/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.